

**Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch  
Fire & EMS Committee Meeting**  
Peru, LaSalle, Oglesby & Mendota  
Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held Thursday, August 13, 2020 at the Oglesby Fire & Ambulance Department, 500 S Columbia Ave, Oglesby, IL 61348. Fire Committee Chairman Ron Popurella called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Voting & Quorum Members Present:

Oglesby Fire Chief Ron Popurella, LaSalle Fire Chief Andy Bacidore, Spring Valley Fire Chief Todd Bogatitus, Utica Fire Chief Ben Brown, Peru Assistant Fire Chief Jim Duncan, Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser. Not Present: Oglesby Ambulance Director Cathie Edens, Peru Ambulance Director Brent Hansen, Earlville EMS Director Jessica Ramey, Peru Fire Chief Jeff King, Earlville Fire Chief Larry Todd

Also Present:

PSAP Manager JoEllen Fisher

**MINUTES**

Committee Chairman Popurella presented the minutes of the IVRD Fire & EMS Committee meeting of 12/11/19. Dennis Rutishauser made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Andy Bacidore seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

**PUBLIC FORUM (Citizen Comment)**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION**

1. Discussion on Status Check for departments. Calling the on-scene commander.
2. Discussion on the county and lack of information for Utica.
3. IAR updating weather groups. Sharing Mutual Aid
4. Discussion on the Storm Response
  - a. Talked about creating a storm mode. It was agreed that the fire and police need to sit down and discuss this also. Police and fire need to go to a one person contact to help eliminate unneeded radio traffic.
  - b. Discussed tornado sirens and the approved current Valcom Weather SOG
  - c. Discussed the radios that went down during the storm and after.
5. Discussed Peru Fire's Station Alerting – reported to be working
6. Discussed switching to an operational channel.
7. Discussion on the COVID-19 responses and what each agency is doing to keep members protected. St. Margaret's is offering \$200 a person. Chief Bogatitus advised that IDPH is doing their testing.

8. Discussion on Spring Valley's radio problems with the backup radios.
9. Discussion on Oglesby's problem with their radio. Repairs being made on Monday.
10. Discussed once the AFG grants open applying for Regional Grant to provide CAD and New Radio System.
11. The Dimmer for the CAD is in the works
12. Discussed the one radio channel
13. Layers for Box Alarms for GIS. Departments need to add the layers for the box alarms.
14. Icon for construction is working.
15. Make sure that all departments have a backup way to activate the tornado siren in the event Valcom is down.
16. Talked about how IAR is working great.
17. Talked about doing TIMS in January/February in all towns, Oglesby, Peru, Spring Valley, Utica. Want to get the police involved.
18. Make sure that on calls we are saying: "Oglesby Engine 112", "Peru C-1", "LaSalle 419"
19. Talked about how the units are listed in the CAD after it is printed.
20. Reminder when MABAS call outs it is the job of the department to call MABAS, not IVRD.
21. Confirmed that when hospitals go on bypass, they do not need to notify departments.
22. Next Meeting October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:30 PM. Would like to have Police Chiefs also meeting at the same time with us.

#### PUBLIC FORUM (Citizen Comment)

None

#### NEXT MEETING

6:30 p.m., Thursday, October 15, 2020 at the Oglesby Fire Station

#### ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Rutishauser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andy Bacidore seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.